

# The Hong Kong Daily Press.

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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
July 10, Amoy, British ship, 273, Brown.  
Saigon 6th July, Rice—A. MacG.  
Heaton.  
July 10, Galleo, British ship, 1713, Wm.  
H. Kilday, San Francisco 6th June, and  
Yokohama 2nd July, Mail and General.  
C. & O. S. & Co.  
July 10, Galleo, British ship, 768,  
H. Flange, Saigon 6th July, Rice—  
Cintre.  
July 10, Rodriquez, British ship, 280,  
P. H. Nicolson, Whampoa 6th July,  
General—Cintre.

**CLEARANCES.**  
At the Harbour Master's Office,  
P. H. Nicolson, 11th July, 1877.  
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**DEPARTURES.**  
July 10, Tamsui, French steamer, for Yokohama.  
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**PASSENGERS.**  
Per Galleo, from San Francisco and Yokohama.  
Mr. G. B. Emory and 133 Chinese.  
Per Charleston, from Saigon.  
21 Chinese.  
Per Tamsui, for Yokohama.  
Hon. J. Gardiner Austin and one Japanese seaman.  
Per Wanchi, for Haiphong.  
50 Chinese.

**REPORTS.**  
The British steamship *Orion* reports left Saigon on 5th July. The first part had moderate winds and heavy rain, and the latter part calm and light weather.  
The O. & O. steamship *Galleo* reports left San Francisco on 6th June, and had light variable winds to the Meridian, thence S.W. and West wind to the equator. On 1st July experienced thick fog for four days of the coast of Japan, lay too for 11 hours waiting for it to clear up. Left Yokohama on 2nd July at 7 p.m., and had fine weather down. Arrived at Hongkong on the 10th at 10 p.m. Spoke the German bark *Friedrich*, on the 6th instant, in lat. 25° 27' N. and long 120° 12' E. On 6th July at 9:30 rescued the crew of six men from a disabled *Lai-Siu* junk.

**YOKOHAMA SHIPPING.**  
June—  
28, Odo, German bark, from Tientsin.  
24, Sea Belle, British bark, from Newcastle.  
25, A. Langdon, Swedish bark, from Newcastle.  
25, Alaska, American bark, from Hongkong.  
25, Helig, British steamer, from Hongkong.  
25, Union, British bark, from Hongkong.  
25, Juliana, German bark, from Hamburg.  
25, A. Reimer, German bark, from Tientsin.  
25, Nagoya Maru, Japanese bark, from Shanghai.  
25, Sita, German bark, from Hongkong.  
25, Abrek, Russian bark, from Hongkong.  
25, C. Kintore, British bark, from London.  
June—  
27, Tamsui, French steamer, for Hongkong.  
27, Hiroshima Maru, Japanese bark, for Shanghai.  
27, Mei Mei Maru, Japanese bark, for South Coast.  
28, Hainan, British steamer, for San Francisco.

**SINGAPORE SHIPPING.**  
June—  
27, Bana, British steamer, from Java.  
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## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. D. MOSS and Mr. H. JOHNSON have this day been appointed PARTNERS in the Firm of THOS. HOWARD & Co., Messrs. Douglas LaPraik & Co., Hongkong, 6th July, 1877. (241683)

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE this day established myself as a SHIPBROKER.  
ROBERT DROSS.  
Hongkong, 26th June, 1877. (241681)

**NOTICE.**  
MR. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to SIGN our Firm for Procurement.  
SANDER & Co.  
Hongkong, 23rd June, 1877. (241682)

**NOTICE.**  
WE have this day opened a BRANCH of our Firm at Amoy in connection with that of Swatow. Mr. M. G. SCOTT will act as our Agent.  
M. G. SCOTT.  
Swatow, 11th May, 1877. (241741)

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE this day established myself as a SHIPBROKER.  
M. G. SCOTT.  
Knoo Tsoong Poo & Co.  
Amoy, 11th May, 1877. (241742)

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE this day established myself as a SHIPBROKER.  
E. A. EAVEN.  
Canton, 23rd June, 1877. (241743)

**NOTICE.**  
MR. W. M. O. HOWLAND is authorized to SIGN our Firm's Name for Procurement.  
W. M. O. HOWLAND.  
Swatow, 1st December, 1876. (241744)

**NOTICE.**  
FROM this date MR. EDWARD SHEPARD and Mr. M. W. GREIG are authorized to SIGN our Firm's Name for Procurement at FOOCHOW, and Mr. F. P. ELLWELL at AMOY.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
China, 1st June, 1877. (241745)

**NOTICE.**  
MR. WILHELM CARL ENGEL, BECHTOLD, von FUSTAU, Jun., and Mr. CONRAD MUNROE, JUN., have been ADMITTED PARTNERS in our Firm from the 1st of January, 1877.  
Wm. FUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Shanghai, 16th April, 1877. (241746)

**NOTICE.**  
MR. EDWARD BURNES will conduct the Business at the Firm of BURNES & Co., during my temporary absence from the Colony.  
B. E. GAINES.  
Surveyor to Local Offices and Lloyd's, 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, 18th March, 1877. (241747)

**NOTICE.**  
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.  
CAPITAL. £200,000.  
RESERVE FUND. £110,000.  
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.  
The Bank's Branches in Hongkong and Canton are open for business on the 1st of July, 1877. (241748)

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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.  
CAPITAL. £200,000.  
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THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.  
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## TO BE LET.

**TO LET.**  
THE DWELLING HOUSE & OFFICES, No. 1, AUGUST STREET, lately in the occupation of Messrs. Douglas LaPraik & Co. The DWELLING HOUSE No. 1, AUGUST STREET, lately in the occupation of Messrs. Douglas LaPraik & Co. The DWELLING HOUSE No. 1, AUGUST STREET, lately in the occupation of Messrs. Douglas LaPraik & Co. (241684)

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## AUCTIONS.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Underigned will sell by Public Auction, on the 12th July, 1877, at Noon, at his Estate Rooms, Cases of CHAMPAGNE, BRANDY, CLARET, and GIN. (241699)

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THE Underigned will sell by Public Auction, on the 12th July, 1877, at Noon, at his Estate Rooms, Cases of CHAMPAGNE, BRANDY, CLARET, and GIN. (241713)

## INTIMATIONS.

**SEALED TENDERS** will be received by the Underigned until Noon on SATURDAY the 14th instant, for BUILDING a FIRE ENGINE HOUSE at H.M. NAVAL YARD. Plans and Specification may be seen and further information obtained on application. JOHN BREMMER, Naval Storekeeper. Hongkong, 3rd July, 1877. (241714)

**CUTLER, PALMER & Co's** CELEBRATED WINES. We have secured some Excellent Wines and Cognac of the well known shippers, CUTLER, PALMER & Co, and invite comparison with any and all other brands. We have to offer: CUTLER, PALMER & Co's CHATEAU D'AY, 1st and 2nd growths, \$12. CUTLER, PALMER & Co's CHATEAU D'AY, 1st and 2nd growths, \$12. CUTLER, PALMER & Co's CHATEAU D'AY, 1st and 2nd growths, \$12. (241715)

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 11TH, 1877.

In the course of a leading article on the recent combination of the native cotton dealers of Hongkong and Canton against the foreign merchants of this port, the *London and China Express* of the 1st ultimo, after pointing out that such combinations can be put down in Shanghai and other treaty ports through the influence of the local authorities, says that in Hongkong this cannot be done, as we are unable to do with the Chinese what we can do with the Europeans.

Most people believe this to be true enough, and we certainly are powerless to put down the attempts made by the natives to dictate their own terms to foreigners by the same simple means resorted to in the treaty ports.

Moreover, owing to the absence of any local ordinance bearing on the question, foreign

merchants are loath to attempt to take proceedings against those who try to dictate to them. But it may be as well for the guilds to learn that by their high-handed proceedings they are laying themselves open to a charge of intimidation. English law does not permit a trade union to threaten merchants or dealers with fines and penalties, nor to combine against them to ruin their trade. This constitutes a punishable offence, and if Chinese guilds are guilty of it they are surely liable to prosecution here as well as in England. We have heard of instances of most unreasonable and unjustifiable conduct on the part of some of these Chinese guilds. If one of their members fails to obtain his full demand, his guild supports his cause, and at once suspends business relations with the foreign firm who has refused to accede to their demands, or, having constituted itself judge and jury on the case, at length decides that the victim shall pay the original claim or be excluded from making any more transactions in the market. All the members are prohibited from having any dealings with the harnessed firm, and every effort is taken to compel it to accept the unrighteous terms which the guild, in its wisdom or partiality, shall think fit to impose. Against this dictatorial policy the guilds evidently think foreign merchants have no remedy, no appeal. The foreigners have usually given in, believing that an appeal to the law would prove more troublesome and costly than compliance with the demands of the guilds, and hence the latter have come to believe that they have only to determine that such and such terms shall be exacted from Europeans in order to obtain them. It is high time that they should be undeceived. The evil has reached a great pitch. The local Government, as guardians of the public welfare, should endeavour to provide an Ordinance whereby proceedings may readily be taken by foreign merchants against any guild who, by threats or unlawful combination, shall seek to injure them. When, as in the case of the recent successful attempt of the Min Un Tong to force its terms on foreign bonds, threats and intimidation are used by a guild having its headquarters in Canton, the Hongkong Government might very well, as the *Express* suggests, endeavour to induce the local authorities at the former place to bring some wholesome pressure to bear upon the members of the guild living under their jurisdiction. There is little doubt that the mandarins at Canton would be only too ready to apply the pressure needed, as it would furnish them with a good pretext for exacting a squeeze, while they would at the same time be able to show their anxiety to do justice and remove obstructions in the way of the conduct of trade. Chinese officials are always willing to assume a virtue if they have it not, and when they can earn a little credit and some profit in according to the wishes of foreign representatives they are not backward in doing so. Something should certainly be done, for there can be no question that the merchants of this Colony are not only often much harassed by the action of the various guilds here and at Canton, but sometimes sustain serious losses in consequence. The facts of these combinations seldom come to light, for their publication might do harm rather than good, unless legal or other proceedings were taken against the guilds, but we know that they are of quite common occurrence. As a matter of course, undue combinations formed with a view to intimidate and coerce are extremely detrimental to trade, and should be repressed by the Government as an attempt on the part of the guilds to place themselves above the law.

It has more than once been suggested that a zoological collection would be an interesting feature in the Public Gardens of this Colony. There are so many opportunities of obtaining animals either gratuitously or at a nominal cost that it seems a pity the Government should not adopt the suggestion. Several interesting animals have been offered for exhibition in the Gardens, but the authorities, probably from motives of economy, have declined all such donations. Of course they know best what can be done with the sum at their disposal for expenditure on the Public Gardens, but the attractions of these pleasant resorts would be increased by the addition of a zoological collection. We notice from the report of Mr. Murray, the Superintendent of the Public Gardens in Singapore, that the Government of that colony has made quite a large collection of animals, without incurring any expense. All of the specimens seem to have been presented, and several contributions have been dedicated owing to want of sufficient accommodation. The monkey-house was presented by Mr. CHENG HONG LING, which is a proof that the Chinese residents at Singapore appreciate the zoological collection. Here in Hongkong the natives take a great interest in the monkey cage in the Gardens, and would be delighted to see larger quadrupeds placed there. Such a collection would certainly add considerably to the attractions of the only ornamental promenade we possess.

The German brig *Teutler* cleared from San Francisco for Manila on the 4th ultimo.

The large Chinese schooner sailed from San Francisco on the 20th inst. for Hongkong.

The *Hochi Shinsen* states that the Mitsui Nishi Steamship Company are about to purchase the British steamers *Argentine* and *Dana*, which are spoken of as being excellently constructed vessels.

The Hon. J. Gardiner Austin left yesterday by the *Freight* mail steamer *Yokohama* for Yokohama on board the Hon. C. G. Smith, will be Acting Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Wodehouse, Acting Registrar-General.

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### POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS

A MAIL WITH CLOSURE  
for Yokohama and Hongkong—*For Lorne*,  
*Sydney*, *Adelaide*, *Hobart*, &c.—*On*  
*Tuesday*, at 11.30 A.M.  
For Swatow, Amoy, and Poochow.—*At*  
*Canton*, to-day, the 11th instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
For Straits Settlements.—To-day, the 11th  
instant, at 5.30 P.M.  
For Saigon.—*For Plushine*, to-day, the 11th  
instant, at 5 P.M.  
For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—*At*  
*Canton* and *Amoy*, on Saturday, at  
4th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET  
The English, Contingent Packet "CAITHNESS"  
will sail for Hongkong and Shanghai  
on SATURDAY, the 14th instant.  
The following will be the hours of closing  
Mails, &c.:—  
3 P.M., 13th instant.  
P.M., Money Order Office closes.  
P.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX,  
which remains open all night.  
SATURDAY, 14th instant.  
P.M., Money Order Office opens for sale of Stamp  
Registry of Letters, and Posting of all com-  
munications.  
10 A.M., Post Office closes, except for Late Letters  
and Letters of Recommendation.  
10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted on payment  
of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until  
11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES until  
11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed  
to Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Singapore,  
or Singapore, may be posted on board the *Pearl*  
with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,  
11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAIT  
PACKET  
The Australian Contingent Packet "CATALPA"  
will be despatched from Hongkong on SATUR-  
DAY, the 14th instant, with Mails for Singa-  
pore, Siam, Somerest, Cocktown, Cleveland Bay,  
Boven, Koppell Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania,  
New Zealand, and Melbourne.  
Correspondence cannot be registered after  
10 A.M.  
The Mails will be closed at 10 A.M. Letters  
close to 11 A.M.  
Letters sent by rail for Southern Australia  
may be sent by this route if desired, but as a rule  
it is better to send it via Canton.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES  
PACKET  
The United States' Mail Packet "GAELIC"  
will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 17th  
July, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco,  
San Pedro de Macoris, &c.—the CLOSING  
hours are:—  
2 P.M., Registry of Letters ceases.  
2 P.M., Post Office closes.  
2.30 P.M., Correspondence for Japan, the United  
States, and other Countries only may be posted  
on board the Packet with Late Fees of 16 cts.  
extra Postage, until:  
3.30 P.M., when the Mail is finally closed.  
Letters sent by rail of Postage may be re-  
gistered in Hongkong Stamps. (Payments of  
Postage in the cases marked \*).

UNITED STATES, Canada\*, Van  
couver, Honolulu, San Francisco,  
Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Astoria,  
New Braunfels\*, Nova Scotia\*,  
St. John's, Bermuda, Brazil, Cuba,  
Curacao, Peru, Spain, and  
United West Indies, Dutch  
Guiana, Surinam, Trinidad  
(Registration 9 Cents)..... 12 2  
Aspinwall, Panama..... 18 4  
Bahamas, Danish West Indies,  
Hawaii..... 14 4  
Mexico..... 16 4  
Newfoundland (Registration 12  
Cents)..... 16 4  
Puerto Rico (Chili, Ecuador  
(Registration 12 Cents)..... 30 6  
West Indies (except as named above),  
Cape Verde, Honduras, New  
Guinea, West Indies, Dutch  
Turk's Island, Venezuela (Re-  
gistration 12 Cents)..... 98 6  
Any articles found enclosed in Newspapers  
or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery,  
&c.) will be confiscated.

MAILS BY THE FRANCE PACKET  
The French Contingent Packet "ANADY-  
DIA," the "LE MOINE," HONGKONG and SAT-  
URDAY, the 14th instant, Kingdom and Europe,  
Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia,  
Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Ben-  
galen, Aden, Suva, and Alexandria.  
The following will be the hours of CLOSING  
the Mails:—  
FRIDAY, 20th July.  
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Of-  
fice closes except the NIGHT Box, which re-  
mains open all night.  
SATURDAY, 21st July.  
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamp  
Registry of Letters, and Posting of all com-  
munications.  
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.  
11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Letters  
sent by rail.  
11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be  
posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cts.  
extra postage, until:  
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES  
tightly.

Unpaid Lotteries are not received for the  
Indian Mail Packets.  
The Prepayment of correspondence for  
Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden, is compul-  
sory where otherwise it is forwarded.  
To provide means of remitting small  
sums of money to or from this Colony and bet-  
ween the Ports of China and Japan, the Postman  
will receive for exchange gold and silver pur-  
chased (not sent required) to purchase Hong-  
Kong Stamps from foreign residents.  
Between Hongkong and Shanghai, or Hong-  
kong and Yokohama, however in either direc-  
tion, the stamps must be paid for in advance.  
The Stamps tendered must be perfectly clean  
good condition, and in strips of at least two  
centimetres wide, and the stamps themselves  
must be presented personally or accompanied  
by a note.  
Letters containing Stamps should be re-  
turned, and the Stamps should be secured  
before being returned.  
The Prostrator or Agent may postpone  
clearing if the public funds in hand are  
insufficient, and he will refuse to purchase in  
case which appears doubtful or suspicious.  
It is allowed to charge a Commission of one  
cent on all Stamps purchased.

Most countries to which Hongkong forms  
Correspondence having joined the "Main"  
line of communication, the Postman is enabled  
it is necessary that the following rules be  
strictly observed:  
1.—No Letter or Packet, whether by mail or  
otherwise, shall be accepted for forwarding if  
it contains gold or silver money, jewels,  
precious articles, or anything such, as a ge-  
neral rule, is liable to Customs duties.  
2.—This Regulation prohibits the sending  
of valuable articles by post, unless the value  
is so small as to make the sample valua-  
ble.  
3.—The limits of weight allowed are as fol-  
low:  
BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To British Offices, 2  
lb.; to others, 1 lb.  
PAPERS.—5 lb. If without intrinsic value  
BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To the Continent, 2  
lb.  
ATTENTION.—3 oz.  
4.—The following articles cannot be sent  
Post at all.—Glass, Linings, Gunpowder,  
Matches, Candles, Soap, Indian Dyestuffs,  
whenever dangerous to health, or the sender is  
ordered to pay for the freight by sea.  
In every sport made in Postage that would  
pay the freight by steamer. No refund can  
be made on such parcels of the value of \$5  
obtained before the nature of the contents  
are discovered.

PATTERNS  
Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining  
general understanding of what is a Pattern  
in a bona fide sample of goods, which is the  
order. It is to consist of the smallest pos-  
sible quantity compatible with showing what  
the goods are, and must have no intrinsic value  
whatsoever.



